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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 13, 2017

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| CM/ACM | <u> </u> |
| Finance | <u>VG</u> |
| DA | <u>LA</u> |
| Risk Mgt | <u>CH</u> |
| HR | <u>n/a</u> |
| Other | <u>GE</u> |

DATE: Wednesday, May 31, 2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Amber Howell, Director, Social Services
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THROUGH: Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: **Accept a grant award in the amount of [\$142,545; no County match] from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Office of Community Partnerships and Grants for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, for Differential Response services including family assessment and early intervention services for at-risk families who have been referred to Child Protective Services; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; authorize the Department to accept the award; and direct Washoe County Purchasing Office to solicit written proposals to select an organization to provide Family Assessment Services. (All Commission Districts)**

SUMMARY

The Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of [\$142,545; no County match] from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Office of Community Partnerships and Grants for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, for Differential Response services including family assessment and early intervention services for at-risk families who have been referred to Child Protective Services; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; authorize the Department to accept the award; and through Washoe County Purchasing Office, to solicit written proposals to select an organization to provide Family Assessment Services.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action.

BACKGROUND

Differential Response is an approach to ensuring child safety by expanding the ability of child welfare agencies to respond to reports of child abuse and neglect. Its focus includes

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a broader set of responses for working with families at the first signs of trouble, including innovative partnerships with community-based organizations that can help support families that are in need. Differential Response allows families with children who are in danger of abuse and neglect to be linked to community-based services for early intervention and prevention services. Differential Response offers families referred to child protective services a chance to be connected to a community services provider, increasing the chances that children can remain safely at home without the need for formal Child Protective Services (CPS) intervention to include legal action.

Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) provides for Differential Response when a public child welfare agency determines that an investigation is not warranted, the agency may forward a report and/or case record information of a particular child and family to a community-based service provider that has entered into a written agreement with the agency for the purpose of conducting assessments and providing appropriate services that will support, preserve and improve the child's safety and family's well-being and functioning. The Differential Response Statewide Steering Committee continues to support this practice initiative and mission to serve families through partnerships and building on the strengths of families, to provide early intervention to connect families with appropriate services that will support, preserve, and improve the child's safety and the family's well-being and functioning.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Differential Response

Scope of the Project: Differential Response is an approach to ensuring child safety by expanding the ability of child welfare agencies to respond to reports of child abuse and neglect.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Differential Response offers families referred to child protective services a chance to be connected to a community services provider, increasing the chances that children can remain safely at home without the need for formal Child Protective Services (CPS) intervention to include legal action

On-Going Program Support: The Differential Response Program is currently operated by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division and this sub-grant is intended to shift implementation of the program to the local government level. If the grant award is discontinued or not-renewed, the program would be shifted back to the State.

Award Amount: \$142,545

Grant Period: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Funding Source: Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Office of community Partnerships and Grants

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: 1100.01

Match Amount and Type: There is no required match.

Sub-Awards and Contracts: The Department will solicit qualified providers of Differential Response Services as required by Scope of Work using the County's competitive bid process, and federal grant procurement guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award, the Department FY18 budget will need to be increased by \$142,545 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

| Cost Object | G/L Account | Amount |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 11414 | 432100 – State Grants | \$142,545 |
| 11414 | 710400 – Payments to Other Agencies | \$142,545 |

There is no county match required.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Board of County Commissioners accept a grant award in the amount of [\$142,545; no County match] from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Office of Community Partnerships and Grants for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, for Differential Response services including family assessment and early intervention services for at-risk families who have been referred to Child Protective Services; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; authorize the Department to accept the award; and direct Washoe County Purchasing Office to solicit written proposals to select an organization to provide Family Assessment Services.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "move to accept a grant award in the amount of [\$142,545; no County match] from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Office of Community Partnerships and Grants for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, for Differential Response services including family assessment and early intervention services for at-risk families who have been referred to Child Protective Services; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; authorize the Department to accept the award; and direct Washoe County Purchasing Office to solicit written proposals to select an organization to provide Family Assessment Services."